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were turned on strong.

Ask any man who has felt the heel of oppression on his neck how he feels towards those who gave him com fort, and you will know the quality of my good will toward the whisky men of Jacksonville.

Yet, I believe that whisky is the greatest curse that rests upon a sinful world.

I believe that a law forbidding its manufacture would be the best law that could be enacted.

But, I do not believe in State prohibition.

It will not prevent the use and abuse of whisky.

It will not keep it out of Florida.

Senator Humphries is sincere in his conviction that his joint resolution to amend the State Constitution & as to prohibit the manufacture, sale or giving away of whisky, wine or beer in this State, is a good temperance measure.

I do not agree with him.

I believe it is a dangerous measure, more likely to result in evil than good.

Except for a national law prohibiting its manufacture, I believe that whisky can be regulated better by local option, which has taken its sale out of more than twothirds of the counties of this State, than by State prohi

No law that the State Legislature can pass can keep whisky out of Florida.

The Interstate Commerce law will operate to allow Georgia liquor dealers to send as much whisky into Florida as Floridians can pay for.

If the prohibition question should become a State question, the whisky trust might spend enough money in paying poll taxes of negroes to cause the defeat of the measure.

This might be done by adding the negro vote to those white persons who honestly believe in the sale of whisky and those who may not believe in whisky, but who would vote that way because they believe in the right of men to get what they want.

Any measure that will be apt to put the negro into the polling place is a dangerous measure.

White men have made too many sacrifices to get him out and keep him out, to be put in danger of doing the work over again.

Local option is better. Let us keep it.

#### MAYBE, NOW I'LL BE GOOD.

There are two Griffises.

This is unimportant but true.

Both of them live in Florida.

This is also true and-still no one cares.

But, I must, once in a while, take a little flyer at the trivial, to keep off brainstorm in these piping times of cerebro-vaudeville.

So, I will indulge myself in a paragraph or two about this Griffis twain.

Both brothers Griffis claim Fort Myers as their home. Both are newspaper men, both hot stuff, both devotees at Eolus shrine-

For, do they not run the Tropical Breeze?

But here the twinship ends, and the point of divergence gets in its fine work.

One, I don't know which one, but one, forsakes not the shade of the domestic palm growing near the back steep of the Griffis home; while the other is violently nomadic in his taste.

The homing Griffis stays at Fort Myers and prints while the roaming Griffis has pitched his tent on one of the Capitoline hills.

Thrifty soul, this migratory one, and like the spouse of John Gilpin (who traveled some herself) has the mind frugal, while confessing to the foot restless.

Griffis 2 grabbed off a clerkship to a trio of committees, all three of which need a clerk to keep them from getting

I accidentally mentioned this, one day last week when in a careless mood.

The down-peninsular brother didn't like it, so he gets busy with the types, and hands me a hot blast is his Breeze-also ten demerits.

He says THE SUN is the greatest papsucker in the

Maybe, so, my son, but I don't know how you figure it. If you mean this State printing contract, THE SUN has nothing to do with it.

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